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SING LEE MURDERED! PETERSBURG B-11a

Sing Lee was a well known merchant in southeast Alaska, operating at various times in Wrangell and Petersburg. But before we get to his murder, let's look at his life in Alaska



His first ad appears in the Alaska Sentinel of Wrangell.

SING LEE CO.,
Dealers In **Dry Goods, Groceries,**
CANNED GOODS, FRESH FRUITS, CURED MEATS, CANDIES, ETC.
DRY GOODS, SHOES—MEN'S, BOYS, and Ladies and Children's, Ladies' Slippers, Ladies' Warm Shoes, Men's Slippers. A fine line of LADIES' CAPES, Watches, Clocks and Ladies' Gold Watches and Chains. Also Men's Pants and Boys Suits.
5c. off on Every \$1.00 Purchase at our store.
Sugar, 16 lbs. \$1.00. Flour, \$1.25 cks. Potatoes, 2c. per lb.
Lunch Eggs, 40c. per doz.

Good Business and Stand FOR SALE

My stock and fixtures, which means "the whole cheese," in the town of Wrangell, Alaska, is for sale. My stock consists of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Canned Goods, Jewelry, Etc.

And it all goes at a bargain for Cash. If you want a snap, do not wait, but come at once, and "get in on the ground floor."

SING LEE CO.

Alaska Sentinel, Wrangell, December 11, 1902. Alaska Sentinel, Wrangell, September 7, 1905.

No other significant mention is made of Sing Lee until he is selling out in 1905.

In 1907 he is involved in a scandal which seems to be racially motivated.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, September 11, 1907.

WRANGEL CHILD SOLD BY INHUMAN MOTHER TO INDIANS IS TAKEN TO FAR AWAY LAND

Seattle, Sept. 11 - Sing Lee a Chinaman from Wrangel, sailed yesterday for China accompanied by his 6 year-old adopted son "Sammie." The white boy is the son of Jennie Edwards, of Wrangel, who sold him to the Indians. The latter sold him to Sing Lee. The lad can talk but little English and seems to prefer the association of Chinamen to that of Americans.

Alaska Sentinel, Wrangell, September 19, 1907.

A recent press dispatch from Seattle states that Sing Lee the Wrangell Chinese merchant, was to sail for China, a week or so ago, taking with him Sammie, the boy whom, the dispatch says, Sing Lee had bought from the Indian parents. The fact is that Sing Lee did not buy, but adopted, the boy. Sing Lee is not enroute to the Orient, but is still in Wrangell.

Only one other mention is found on Sammie.

By 1909, Sing Lee is established in Petersburg.

Wrangell Sentinel, July 29, 1909.

Sing Lee was one among the many Petersburgers who have been in Wrangell this week.

Wrangell Sentinel, March 2, 1916.

Sing Lee, an old time Wrangellite, was over from Petersburg the first of this week. Sing Lee now conducts a general store there.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It was fun putting this issue together.

Sing Lee was an interesting character. But I have given away the surprise ending. Years ago, my daughter was so taken by the movie "Titanic." I said, "what's the point, the boat sinks." She did not find that amusing.

Bering City Pool Hall tokens are not from Texas, so says Richard Greever of tokendatabase.com, and I believe him. He makes a very strong argument against the token being from Texas, and is sure it is from the Pacific northwest, perhaps...Alaska. As I said, I would love to be proven wrong. I am not wrong yet, just not right. See page 124.

Which token is the earliest issued in Alaska. We won't take a stand on this riddle, but we will present two prime suspects- Dave Martin of Juneau, and North Pacific Trading and Packing Co. of Klawock. Both are of an early style indicating probably pre-1900 issuance. See pages 120 and 122.

And as an added bonus, there is reference to "checks" being called in by the NPT&P Co.

Another early company in Alaska was the Pacific Steam Whaling Co. who issued tokens at Hunters Bay. These are not as old as the previously mentioned tokens, but there is a connection with NPT&P Co.!

Have we attributed a Road House token? Probably not, but it makes life interesting.

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Cordova , Masonic Penny, B-24a	237.50
Fairbanks , Masonic Penny, B-33a	195.00OB
Ketchikan , Pioneer Pool Room, 10¢, B-47a	25.00OB
Kodiak , St. Paul Masonic, B-8b	207.52
McCarthy , Golden Hotel, 12½¢, B-2a	26.00
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	76.
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c, NGC-61	99.99OB
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	117.50
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	71.00
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	102.50
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	167.50
Palmer , ARRC, 50¢, B-1e, NGC-61	260.00
Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8bII	35.02
Shemya , NCO Open Mess, 50¢, B-2gI	11.00
Valdez , Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	24.50
Valdez , Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	60.00
AYPE , encased cent, round	33.05
FNB of Fairbanks , Blue seal pl. \$5 PMG-15 ch.	11,400.00
Sugiya & Co , Salmon Packers, \$1	75.00OB

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

DIETZ ROADHOUSE

Nenana Daily News, January 16, 1919.



Roy Lund's dog stage is scheduled to leave for Fairbanks at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning with mails from Nenana.

*He expects to make the trip in two days, putting up at **Dietz' roadhouse** the first night out.*

Nenana Daily News, January 21, 1919.

Assistant District Attorney Harry Pratt arrived in Nenana last night from Fairbanks, having mushed over the trail.

*He left Fairbanks at eight o'clock Sunday morning, and stopped at **Dietz roadhouse** for the night.*

With only two references, this was probably a short-lived road house. This probably belongs in Wyoming, but more research may suggest otherwise.

SING LEE MURDERED! CONTINUED

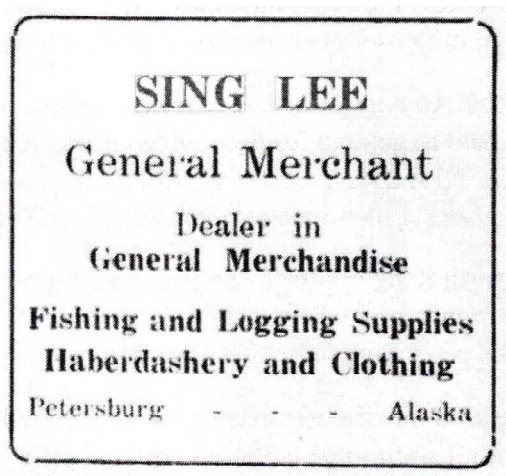
There are many mentions of Sing Lee visiting Wrangell. He apparently still had business interests there.

Hyder Alaska Miner, June 28, 1922.

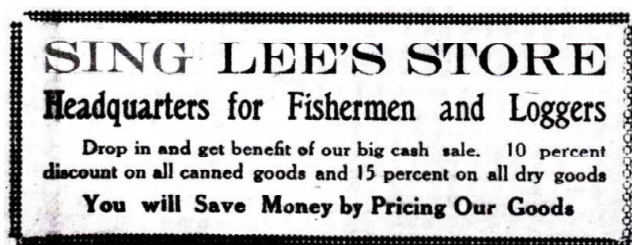
Sing Lee, a prominent merchant of Petersburg, and R.W. Scott, who is interested in the Commonwealth company arrived Monday on the former's launch and are now at the Commonwealth camp. Sing Lee has been in Alaska 27 years and is heavily interested in mining.

Cordova Daily Times, November 25, 1922.

About five or six years ago, a Jap outfitted by Sing Lee, the well known Petersburg merchant, spent two months in the Farragut Bay country and came out with two bags of gold, one course and one fine, but never returned to the diggings and did not divulge where he got it.



Alaska Fisherman, Juneau, June 15, 1924.



The Alaskan, Petersburg, June 24, 1927.

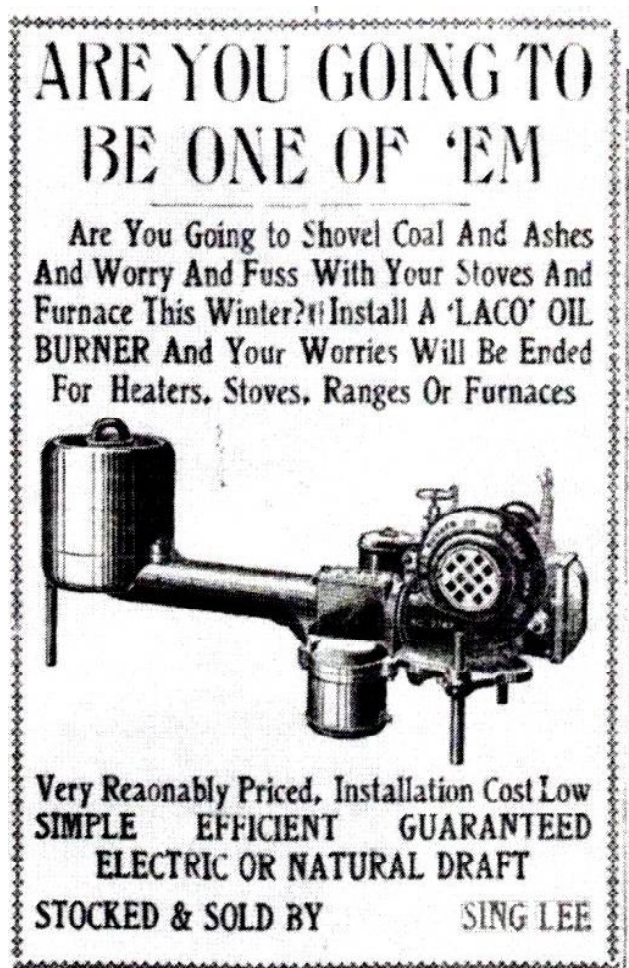
The Alaskan, September 12, 1929.

Attempted Arson at Sing Lee's

When the steamer Queen was in port northbound last week, Sing Lee and clerks were busy checking over freight invoices and in the rush of business the fire went out. Sing went to start a fire, using coal oil for priming and when a match was put to the kin-

dling a sudden blaze shot up carrying the fire to the 'coal oil' which was really distillate. Some one had taken Sing's coal oil bottle and filled it with distillate with the above result. Sing has had a special watchman patrolling about his buildings since.

Had Sing lost his head and not thrown the distillate into a swill bucket and had not his clerks been cool headed, a very bad fire might have resulted.



The Alaskan, Petersburg, September 13, 1929.

Was Sing Lee not using his Laco Oil Burner to heat his buildings?

The Alaskan, Petersburg, November 29, 1929.

Sing Lee served a Thanksgiving dinner to the survivors of the crowd of Old Sourdoughs which makes his store their headquarters. More than a dozen were present and the turkeys and trimmin's disappeared in short order. Sing smiled and said: "I like see everybody eat good."

SING LEE MURDERED! CONTINUED

The Alaskan, Petersburg, March 25, 1932.

Sam Sing Lee was arrested on a petit larceny charge and was given thirty days in which to remunerate upon the ways of justice.

Daily Alaska Empire, November 28, 1932.

SING LEE IS DEAD, NEARLY 80 YEARS OLD

Oldtime Chinese Merchant at Petersburg Passes Away

Petersburg, Alaska, Nov. 28 - Sing Lee, prominent Chinese business man in Alaska for close to 40 year and in Petersburg since 1900, owning a large mercantile store, passed away last Saturday morning as a result of hemorrhage. He left a wife, son and daughter in China and an adopted son here.

Sing Lee is supposed to have been close to 80 years old. He has been in failing health for some time, but appeared perfectly well last Friday.

Deputy United States Marshal C.V. Brown, of Petersburg, in Juneau on court business, received the word that Sing Lee had died. Brown said the Chinese was one of the best liked men in the Petersburg section, with everyone, young and old, his friend. Sing Lee, besides his mercantile business, owned considerable property in the Wrangell Narrows metropolis.

Wrangell Sentinel, December 2, 1932.

SING LEE MURDERED AT PETERSBURG HOME

Petersburg, Alaska, Nov. 30- Sing Lee, age 80 years and a prominent Chinese merchant in Alaska for forty years and in Petersburg for twenty years, met death Saturday morning from criminal means by an unknown person on persons.

The murder occurred in his room between 8 o'clock Friday night and 10 o'clock Saturday morning, at which time he was found by Frank DeBruck, who after building the fires and doing the chores around the place, went upstairs to investigate why Sing Lee had not come down at this usual time.

The old man was found lying stretched out dead. An investigation of the coroner's jury determined that Sing Lee had been murdered after an autopsy performed by Dr. Benson who sated that the pulmonary artery was ruptured and the five lower ribs on

the right side were broken. Two gashes were found on both the left and right side of the head.

The murder is regarded here as very mysterious as the old man had no known enemies.

He is survived by his wife and two children in China to whom he had willed his property, and by a stepson in Petersburg. The only money found on his person was three dollars in one pocket.

Wrangell Sentinel, December 16, 1932.

Petersburg, Dec. 16 - Sing Lee, murdered here, has not yet been buried. No suspects are being held but federal investigator T.N. Henry is expected to arrive tomorrow. The property has been appraised at about \$5000. David Mar, a nephew who has been in Petersburg in the interest of Sing Lee's family, left on the Evans.

No further mention is found on the murder of Sing Lee.

Sing Lee tokens are quite rare. The only illustration is a rubbing from 1983.

PETERSBURG BASKETBALL



Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, November 30, 1939.

Three teams of basketball have been started on practice at Petersburg. The teams are the High School Vikings, who will defend their Southeast Alaska championship status; O.K.'s Place and Hack's Happy Taps. Prince Rupert, it is understood has negotiated for games at Petersburg as the season gets underway.



See page 130 for Petersburg tokens for sale.

PACIFIC COAST & NORWAY PACKING CO.

Pacific Coast & Norway Packing Co.
OPERATES
**Cannery, Machine Shop,
 Saw Mill & Box Factory**

We are prepared to make prompt deliveries
 of Lumber and Box Shooks

Largest Stock of General Merchandise
 In Southeastern Alaska. Our revised prices are much lower
 than heretofore

See
 Us before purchasing elsewhere

WE BUY
Fresh and Mild Cured Salmon

Petersburg, - - - Alaska
"The Home of the Fishermen"

Wrangell Sentinel, March 27, 1913.

Ketchikan Miner, January 30, 1914.

CANNERY COMPANY IN FALSE LIGHT

The Petersburg Progressive says the story of the Filipinos that had been employed in the cannery of the Pacific Coast & Norway Packing company, of Petersburg, who were in Seattle destitute because they had not received as much pay as they had been promised does the cannery and the Chinese contractor who put up the company's pack an injustice. Its story is that the men were hired by a Japanese acting for the Chinaman who was unable to get a sufficient number of his own cannery men, and that the Jap made promises that could not be fulfilled without the knowledge of the company or the contractor. Then the men got to drinking and gambling and lost what wages they actually earned.

Wrangell Sentinel, January 30, 1919.

The Petersburg Packing company, headed by E. Schoenwald, has taken over the Petersburg cannery and all the assets of the Pacific Coast & Packing company, which it has been operating for the last four years under lease. The receivership of the Pacific Coast & Norway Packing company has been



terminated, and its entire indebtedness, which originally amounted to about a quarter of a million dollars, paid in full. The cannery is a three line plant, which last year made a pack of about 112, 000 cases. - Pacific Fisherman

Cordova Daily Times, April 30, 1921.

TOWN OF PETERSBURG IS SAVED FROM SALE Minneapolis, April 30 (by Associated Press) - The fate of Petersburg, Alaska, was decided by a dozen men last night and the town was saved from being sold. Petersburg is situated on property owned by the Pacific Coast & Norway Packing Co., and stockholders voted down a proposal to transfer the property to the Petersburg Packing Company.

TONKA



Daily Alaskan, Skagway, May 11, 1905.

O.P. Brown, manager of the Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company is quoted as expressing a rosy view of the conditions for the coming season.

"We have two canneries" said Mr. Brown, "One at Tonka and another at Petersburg, that we recently purchased from the P.P. & N. Co. We will not operate the latter this year, as we did not have time to get it in shape. At Tonka, we are making preparations to put up 28,000 cases. We will begin operations May 10 for the spring salmon and on June 20 for the reds."

DAVE MARTIN



Douglas Island News, April 5, 1916.

CAME TO ALASKA 'WAY BACK IN '69

Dave Martin, One of the Oldest Residents of Channel Goes to His Reward.

Dave Martin, one of the Juneau pioneers, and who is well known to everyone in Juneau as "Dave, the Fur Man," died this morning at St. Ann hospital from a complication of organic troubles. He had been confined to the hospital for the past month and ill for some time previously.

Dave Martin was born in England 63 years ago and moved to San Francisco with his parents when a small child. He first came to Alaska in 1869, landing at Wrangell and going to the Cassiar country, from there by way of the Stikine river in 1871. He returned to Alaska and lives subsequently at Wrangell, Haines and Sitka, at which place he was interested in business with his father.

Before coming to Alaska he and a brother were engaged in the theatrical business in San Francisco.

In 1881 he came to Juneau and established a general merchandise store where Winter & Pond are now located. He did a big business for a number of years, but later gave it up. Since that time he has been engaged in the fur business in Juneau. He had lived here continuously since 1881, with the exception of one trip made to Nome where he spent about a year.

Douglas Island News, March 27, 1912.

Dave Martin, for many years a resident of Juneau, is hopelessly insane at Nome.

What prompted Dave Martin's mental state? And why did he go to Nome?

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, March 28, 1912.

Dave Martin's mental decline is without a doubt due

to the experience he went through when the Juneau Hotel burned to the ground last September, taking the lives of eight persons. Dave was a roomer at the hostelry but got out unscathed. After the fire he said he didn't know how he ever got out of the burning building. He was awakened from deep sleep by the odor of smoke, he stated, but when he rushed to his room door a wall of flame confronted him. He knew nothing more until he reached the street, slightly burned on the neck and shoulders.

For several days after the fire Martin acted queerly and several times told friends that something was following him with evil intent. When he talked about the fire he would get excited.

Dave has for several years represented an Eastern fur house, spending his time in Alaska purchasing.

He is back in Juneau a year later. His stay in Nome seemed to revive him.

Alaska Daily Empire, April 7, 1913.

Dave Martin and the All-Alaska Sweep Stakes.

The start will be made in the great dog race Wednesday morning. Already Dave Martin, the oldest inhabitant has commenced to ask for the entries. Dave was in Nome last winter and was an enthralled witness to the All-Alaska Sweepstakes as the great annual race is officially known.

Speaking of the event last night, Dave said "It's the most absorbing thing I ever had to do with - it gets in the blood. Everybody told me I'd get the dog fever, and I did. - I couldn't help it. Fourth of July sinks into insignificance compared with this big thing. There were five teams entered. On the day of the start Front street reminded me of Market street, San Francisco. The interest of the people was intense. The teams started at five minute intervals and as soon as the last had passed the line a rush was made for the Board of Trade where Frank Hall was posting odds.

Betting was pretty heavy and I commenced to feel the blood tingle. Women and girls were betting gloves and ribbons among themselves - later on they were occasionally seen slipping a few dollars to fathers, brothers and sweethearts to wager on the results.

The night of the first day I became restless and dress-

DAVE MARTIN, CONT.

ing at 3 o'clock in the morning hastened down to the Board of Trade to have a look at the bulletin board...All the time the odds kept changing according to the position of the racers...

By the third day I was worn to a frazzle with the constant strain on my nerves - I wanted to own a dog team, one that would be a winner...

The finish was intensely exciting. It was a clear and beautiful night about fifteen degrees below zero. Everybody was down town promenading the main thoroughfare. Front street was lined on both sides from Barracks Square for several blocks south. The Board of Trade was crowded with an excited mass of humanity. Women with anxious looks sent their small boys in to get the latest news bulletins...the Fort Davis gun announced that "Scotty" Allen had passed that point on the return from Candle and had but three miles to go of the 408...

When he arrived one dog was riding on the sled and others were looking pretty tired. So was "Scotty." As he passed the line "Scotty" handed his passports, a voluminous package, to the judges. He was immediately seized and hoisted to the shoulders of admiring friends and carried away. The judges inspected the dog team to see if everything tallied up all right and another crowd took the dogs away to a place where they could rest.

Who would have thought that a winter in Nome could revive an "insane" man? We don't know why he went to Nome and we don't know when he returned to Juneau. But the All-Alaska Sweep Stakes of 1912 occurred very shortly after the report of his insanity. Obviously the race made an impression on him and appears to have restored him to mental health.

Dave Martin is continuously referred to as the oldest resident in Juneau. But he died at 63. He could not have been the oldest person in town. In this case, one must assume they are referring to his longevity of living in Juneau.

So, is this the earliest token issued in Alaska, or is it the NPT&P Company token on the next page?

JUNEAU SALOONS

Alaska Daily Empire, April 17, 1914.

SALOON MEN LIKE SUNDAY CLOSING

Marshal H. L. Faulkner said this morning that the saloon men and liquor dealers of Douglas and Treadwell were being notified today that the Sunday closing law as applied to saloons and bars would be in force hereafter.

Here in Juneau the edict was received very favorably by the liquor dealers and saloon keepers, according to expressions given today.



Cassie Secrest, of the Mecca - "It suits us. And it's all right."



Simon Hirsch of Juneau Liquor Co. - "Personally I am pleased. It will also give the chance to rest."

W.L. Scribner, of the Louvre - "We have anticipated the order and it is all right. We are arranging to shut off the bar and run pictures for the benefit of the patrons."



Harry Goldenhar, of the Heidelberg - "It's a good



idea. We all like to have a day of rest."

James McCloskey, of the Germania - It's a good thing and all right too."

G. Studebaker, of the Old Stand - "I like the idea."

NORTH PACIFIC TRADING & PACKING CO.



Alaska Sentinel, Wrangell, November 26, 1908.
NOTICE

All persons having any of the aluminum checks issued by the North Pacific Trading and Packing Company of Klawock, Alaska, are hereby notified to send or present same to the office of this company at Klawock for redemption before January 1, 1909, as no more of these checks will be issued.

H.F Swift, Supt.

This notice calls for the redemption of the "aluminum" checks, yet those listed are brass!

North Pacific Trading and Packing Company

Klawock, Alaska

Provisions Hardware
Fuel Oils and Coal

Gasboat Supplies of Every Description
Trollers and Halibut Gear. Complete Stock of Boat Lumber

Sole Agents on the West Coast for
Standard Gas Engines
And All Accessory Parts

Valvoline Lubricating Oils

COMPLETE STOCK OF SHIP CHANDLERY
ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

COMPLETE LINE OF STEAM FITTING SUPPLIES
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

OILED CLOTHING AND RUBBER BOOTS

Wrangell Sentinel, October 2, 1919.

Wrangell Sentinel, September 16, 1920.

The news of the sudden death of J.H. Sisson at San Francisco came as a shock to the people of South-eastern Alaska. Mr. Sisson visited Klawock during the summer and was then in good health...

J.H. Sisson was president of the North Pacific Trading and Packing company of Klawock which operates the oldest cannery in Alaska. It was established in 1877.

Daily Alaska Empire, April 20, 1929.

LIBBY GETS OLDEST ALASKA FISH CANNERY
Klawock Cannery Has Been Operating for More than Fifty Years.

Operating continuously since 1873, the Klawock salmon cannery purchased about three weeks ago by the Libby, McNeil and Libby company from the North Pacific Trading and Packing company, is the oldest cannery in Alaska. This is the first time the cannery has changed ownership since its beginning.

The North Pacific Trading and Packing Company was organized by the Sisson family, California cattlemen and other San Francisco capitalists more than fifty years ago.

Seward Daily Gateway, May 1, 1929.

OLDEST ALASKA CANNERY

Operating continuously since 1878, the Klawock salmon cannery, purchased by Libby, McNeil & Libby company from the North Pacific Trading company, is the oldest cannery in Alaska. This is the first time the cannery changed ownership since the beginning.

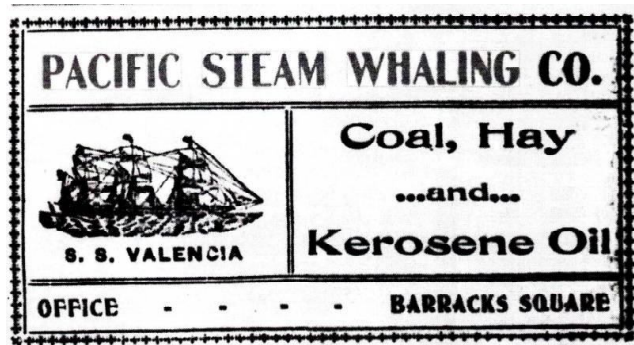
JOHN HADLAND - PETERSBURG



Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, Nov. 17, 1930.

John Hadland, owner of the Monte Carlo Fox Island Farm near Petersburg, and Miss Lulu Angus, recently of Bayfield, Wis., were married at Ketchikan. They will make their home on Monte Carlo Island.

PACIFIC STEAM WHALING CO.



Nome Nugget, September 6, 1901.

Stikeen River Journal, Ft. Wrangel, May 6, 1899.

A representative of The Journal had the pleasure this week of making a visit to Capt. S.F. Snow, the popular commander of the Golden Gate. Capt. Snow gave us a very interesting account of the trip to and from Hunter's Bay, which he makes twice a month.

The Golden Gate is a stanch steamer of fifty nine tons burden, belonging to the Pacific Steam Whaling Co., of San Francisco, who have the government contract to carry mail to Shakan, Klawock, Howcan and Hunter's Bay, connecting at Wrangel twice a month with the Pacific Coast steamer Cottage City. The run includes all point of importance on the west coast of Prince of Wales island. The first point reached after leaving Wrangel is Shakan on the north end of Prince of Wales. After leaving Shakan, Capt. Snow is compelled to depend upon his own knowledge of the coast, as the government have never made a survey of those waters; and the fact that the Golden Gate makes the trip through the dangerous rocks and reefs of Prince of Wales regularly, always on time, is a great credit to her commander.

The second important stop is made at Klawock, where the North Pacific Trading and Packing Company have their plant. The interests of this concern are ably managed by A. S. Wadleigh well known in Wrangel and San Francisco. From Klawock to Howcan, the next stopping point is not far. Howcan is the home of W.D. McCloud the "Bill Nye" of Alaska. After leaving Howcan, the Golden Gate proceeds on her course to Hunter's Bay on the south end of Prince of Wales, and the farthest point on the run. It is at Hunter's Bay that the Pacific Steam Whaling Co. has a large cannery. The return trip is



made in reverse order, and the ship Golden Gate returns in about six days to await the coming of the Cottage City.

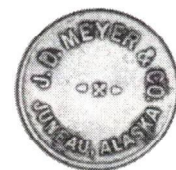
Nome Daily Nugget, October 15, 1937

It was in 1884 that Brower made his first trip to Barrow, driving a dog team from Cape Lisburne. Employed by the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, he had been looking over coal deposits for the whaling fleet.

Another very early Alaska business, but their tokens look positively later than Dave Martin or NPT&P Co.

J.D. MEYER - Juneau B-51

Another early token, but not in the running for the earliest.



Douglas Island News, December 14, 1898.

The skin of the land otter that he ate is now on exhibition at the wholesale and retail cigar store of J.D. Meyer & Co., at Juneau, where a News man inspected it.

Douglas Island News, January 4, 1899.

Casperson is up-to-date sure. He just got in a good stock of Monogram cigars which he purchased of J.D. Meyer & Co., of Juneau. They are the finest on the market. We are capable of judging, for the pocket full that we sampled, the gift of the wholesale firm, was certainly as good ad the most fastidious smoker could wish. Try a Monogram.

Douglas Island News, March 29, 1899.

The J.D. Meyer & Co. wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco store of Juneau is doing a splendid business. Mr. Caro the traveling man is a hustler and thoroughly understands his business.

BERING CITY FEEDBACK



From Richard Greever of tokendatabase.com.

I'm 100% sure this is not a Texas token. It has to be Pacific Northwest somewhere. The token was struck in Seattle. All other occurrences of this reverse are attributed to Washington State. The reverse seems to date from 1903-1923. British Columbia would be another possibility.

I agree this is a perplexing token. I have searched and searched.

I totally understand why you think this 5¢ denomination is unlikely to be Alaska. There are many 2½¢ tokens associated with pool halls, often claimed to be the price of a game/cue. I wonder if 5¢ could be the Alaska equivalent?

The search continues, but Bering City, AK sure seems like the best option at this point, even considering its weaknesses.

Richard makes some very good points. My objection to the 5¢ is based on the time frame - too early for a 5¢ token in Alaska (with the possible exception of Southeast Alaska). There are several 5¢ tokens listed under Nome, but they are either mavericks (with questionable attribution) or obviously of later issue.

His estimate of the time frame for die usage places it after the demise of Bering City. And the short life of Bering City is also a strike against it.

But a time frame extending to 1923 makes it more possible that a 5¢ token would have been used in Nome. Perhaps Nome is the best place for the Bering City Pool Hall. Or maybe there was a Bering City Pool Hall some place in Washington.

The low price realized indicates to me that buyers were skeptical of the attribution, or were fearful there would be more than one coming onto the market, probably the latter.

HOLLYWOOD COMES TO PETERSBURG



Edna Ferber's "Ice Palace" is a popular book in Fairbanks as it is assumed that the Ice Palace is the Northward Building, and the main character, Czar Kennedy, is believed to be based on Austen "Cap" Lathrop. So it was surprising to find this bit of information when searching for Sing Lee in the LoC.

Nome Nugget, August 5, 1959.

Petersburg, UPI - After three weeks of rain and fog, skies cleared here Monday and shooting the first scenes of Warner Brothers movie version of Edna Ferber's novel "Ice Palace."

Hollywood's first film invasion of Alaska since it became the 49th state has expanded over original plans. An anticipated crew of 35 has grown to 85.

Initial scenes included action with salmon fishing fleets and canneries. Later the original main street of Petersburg (Sing Lee Alley) built about a half century ago, will background scenes of the Alaskan World War I era described by Miss Ferber in her novel.

The filmmakers, headed by director Vincent Sherman and actors Robert Ryan, Richard Burton and Jim Backus, expect to remain in Petersburg for ten days of filming, then move on to Fairbanks and finally to Point Barrow before returning to Hollywood.

Petersburg serves as a substitute for Cordova. Cap Lathrop was in Cordova before Fairbanks and built an "Empress Theater" there, as well as Fairbanks. See the June 1992 issue of ATC&PN for a brief biography of Cap Lathrop by a person who knew him.

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JUNEAU TOKENS FOR SALE



Alaskan Hotel Bar, 6 1/4¢, B-2aII



25.00



Imperial Cigar Store, 6 1/4¢, B-29a



25.00



Alaskan Hotel Bar, 12 1/2¢, B-2b



35.00



Imperial Cigar Store, 12 1/2¢, B-29b



45.00



Burford's Corner, 50¢, B-12c



75.00



Imperial Pool Parlor, 5¢, B-30a



5.00



Elks Club, 12 1/2¢, B-19bI



75.00



J-D Schools, 1/2 Pint, B-34a



10.00



Elks Club, 12 1/2¢, B-19bII



75.00



J-D Schools, 1/2 Pint, B-34b



10.00



Tom George, 50¢ and \$1, B-23 a+b



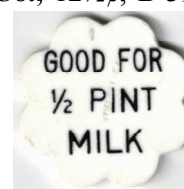
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Juneau Liquor Co., 12 1/2¢, B-39b



200.00



Juneau (Schools), 1/2 Pint, B-40II

10.00

JUNEAU TOKENS FOR SALE



AH King, 10¢, B-42b



125.00



New York Exchange, 5¢, B-53a



40.00



AH King, 50¢, B-42c



10.00



New York Exchange, 6¼¢, B-53bI



25.00



Mayflower, 12½¢, B-49a



350.00



As above, with hole



25.00



Masonic Penny, B-47?



79.00



New York Exchange, 6¼¢, B-53bII



25.00



The Mecca, 6¼¢, B-50b



150.00



New York Exchange, 6¼¢, B-53bIII (hole)



25.00



Montana Saloon, 12½¢, B-52?, aluminum



100.00



New York Exchange, 10¢, B-53cI



25.00



Montana Bar, 25¢, B-52b



100.00



New York Exchange, 10¢, B-53cII



25.00

JUNEAU TOKENS FOR SALE



Nugget Billiard Parlor, 12½¢, B-54b 20.00



Snake Pit Downs, 25¢, B-66a 250.00



Occidental Bar, 12½¢, B-55a 100.00



Toney's Comet, 12½¢, B-69a 100.00



Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, B-56a 100.00



Tony's Place, 12½¢, B-70a 100.00



Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, B-56b 100.00



Anita Garnick, encased cent 10.00



Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, B-56c 100.00



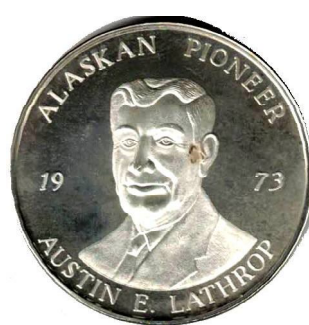
<S>, 6¼¢, B-64a 175.00



San Francisco Bakery, 1 Loaf, B-65a 45.00



AUSTIN E. "CAP" LATHROP



**Fairbanks Coin Club medal honoring Austin E. "Cap" Lathrop. Silver and bronze set 25.00
Bronze only 5.00**



MODERN JUNEAU TOKENS



Elks 420, Rain Check, gold on purple



10.00



As above, black on green



12.00



Italian Village, 1 drink, gold on blue



12.00



Quality Auto Supply, 10%, alum.

8.00



Juneau Yacht Club, blue on white

12.00



Red Dog Saloon, Dollar, brass

12.00



Lucky Lady Bar, 1 free drink, w on grn.

10.00



Red Dog Saloon, 1 free drink, gold on red

12.00



As above, lighter, brighter green

10.00



Sylmax Co., 50¢, white on black

5.00



Totem Bay Co., 25¢, 1971, 29mm, shown at a reduced size.

5.00



AUCTION TO BE HELD IN FAIRBANKS OCTOBER 6, 2023.

Absentee bids accepted until Noon, October 6 - Auction begins at 7:00PM

By mail: Alaska Rare Coins, 551-B Second Ave., Fairbanks, AK 99701

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ALASKA TOKENS

ESTIMATE

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| 275 Alaska Token: Bethel, N.C. Co. (Northern Commercial Co., 50¢, B-2b | 100. |
| 276 Alaska Token: Chatanika, Bingle Fritz (Thomas Welch), 25¢, B-1a | 45. |
| 277 Alaska Token: Cleary, Willis & Welch, 25¢, B-5a. This token, and the previous "Bingle Fritz" token were \$200 to \$300 tokens until a family hoard hit the market. Now everyone can afford them. | 45. |
| 278 Alaska Tokens: Excursion Inlet, A. & P.S.C. Co. (Astoria & Puget Sound Canning Co.), set of four: 5¢ to 50¢, B-1 a-d. The cannery was used as a POW came in World War II. The POWs were used to disassemble a "secret" base that cost millions of dollars that was never used. | 75. |
| 279 Alaska Token: Gambell, Reindeer Commercial Co., set of 6, 1¢ to \$1, B-1 a-f | 60. |
| 280 Alaska Token: Hoonah, Icy Straits Salmon Co., set of 3: 10¢ to 50¢, B-2 a-c | 35. |
| 281 Alaska Token: Mountain Village, Sheppard Trading Co., set of 6, 25¢ to \$20, B1 a-f | 100. |
| 282 Alaska Token: Tonsina, Jake Nafsted, 12½¢, Native Copper, NCS Genuine, looks about AU. A slabbed token! Opened in 1903 and closed in 1916. This was once a scarce token, but with eBay, and an apparent hoard a few years back, it is now affordable. | 50. |
| 283 Alaska Token: Noorvik Cooperative Store, set of 6, 5¢ to \$5, B-1 a-f | 100. |
| 284 Alaska Token: Nome, Polet Stores, set of 4, 5¢ to \$1, B-41, b,d,f,i. All fiber | 45. |
| 285 Alaska Token: Savoonga, Reindeer Commercial Co., set of 5, 1¢ to 50¢, B-1 a-e | 40. |
| 286 Alaska Token: Seward, The Northern, 12½¢, Native Copper, B-8a. There are several varieties and this is the very scarce oval token. Pictorial native copper tokens are among the most popular Alaska tokens. Nice brown copper, XF or better. | 150.+ |
| 287 Alaska Token: Shishmaref, Native Store, set of 5, 5¢ to \$1, B-1 a-e | 40. |
| 288 Alaska Token: Teller, Teller Commercial Company, set of 4, 5¢ to \$1, B-3, a-d | 40. |
| 289 Alaska Token: Valdez, Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢ Trade Check. Another pictorial native copper token, B-4a. Glossy brown copper still showing some red in the letters, AU/Unc. | 100.+ |
| 290 Pioneers of Alaska, 1978, Grand Igloo, 62nd convention, 1 oz. silver and bronze medal set. Housed in its original snap-lock plastic case with foam insert. The bronze has mellow toning. The silver is toning around the rim on the obverse, but the reverse has classic bulls-eye toning. Tremendous eye appeal. | 50.+ |
| 291 Mis-Struck Pipeline Medals, 1974 to 1977. Here is a fun way to own silver! Included are (9) off center struck medals, all pretty dramatic; a very minor clipped planchet; and a weakly struck piece that we think was a die set up piece, adjusting the pressure on the press. A total of 11 pieces. | 330. |
| 292 State of Alaska Half Oz. Gold Medal, 1992. This was the first year that the Alaska Mint had the contract to mint State medals. The eagle head was on the obverse of both the silver and gold medals and both are in demand. This is a rare medal with only (11) struck! This piece does not have any of the red spotting typically seen on these medals and is still housed in its original capsule. Don't miss this opportunity. | 1,500.+ |
| 293 Iditarod Winner's 1 oz. Silver Medal, 1998, for Jeff King. Most people are aware of the annual Iditarod medals, but few realize that a few medals were also struck after the race commemorating the actual winner. We seldom see these. | 50.-100. |

ALASKA MEDALS, CONT.

ESTIMATE

- 294 **State of Alaska 4-Piece Gold Set**, 2000. The obverse depicts the red fox with the reverse the mandatory Seal of the State. Mintages for these gold medals are: 1 oz. (187); ½ oz. (73); 1/10th oz. (291); and 1/20 oz. (141). The gold content is 1.65 troy ounces. Housed in a plush case. 3,500.g+
- 295 **State of Alaska ½ Oz. Silver Medals**, 2001. A Mountain Goat is depicted on the obverse. Only (957) were minted. Finding these fractionals is difficult at best. All of these are in original packaging. Four pieces. 100.-120.
- 296 **State of Alaska 1/10 Oz. Gold Medal**, 1997. This was a popular year with the Musk Ox on the obverse. Only 270 were minted. 250.-300.
- 297 **Fairbanks Coin Club Membership Tokens**. All are 1/10 oz. silver except where noted. Includes: 2012 with Northern Cigar Store die; 2015, copper with silver center; 2016 10th anniversary; 2018; 2020 with small gold flake; 2021 Covid. Also included are 2015 Schmetzlandia token, hand struck at the coin club meeting (not 1/10 oz.) and 2021 “mint visit” token. A total of 8 tokens. 85.

PETERSBURG TOKENS



Hack's, 5¢, B-3a

175.00



Kito's Kave, one drink, gold on red

12.00



OK's Place, 10¢, B-7b

50.00



Moose, one free drink, brass

10.00



Elks, one free drink, bronze.

10.00



Little Norway Festival, encased cent 1965 10.00